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1. At the Soviet Headquarters in the Hotel Boulevard on Alexandrovska street there are two Colonels, three Majors, seven or eight junior officers and 15 or 20 clerks. This Headquarters has been housed in the hotel since the end of October or the beginning of November.
2. A Soviet anti-tank artillery unit occupies the building and yard of the school requisitioned from the Milodinovi brothers. The school is also on Alexandrovska street. The unit has about 400 soldiers and approximately 40 anti-tank guns, each drawn by two horses.
3. A Soviet motorized infantry unit is billeted in the Technical School. The unit has about 800 to 1,000 soldiers and a number of trucks.
4. Two Soviet batteries, having six guns on wheels with barrels about 3 meters long, are located on the bathing beach. The guns are emplaced in dugouts.
5. The barracks of the Bulgarian 24th Infantry Regiment are occupied by a Soviet regiment of heavy motorized artillery. Thirty six howitzers, about 20 cm. calibre, were seen as well as a number of large tractors. There were also about 40 trucks. The regiment has been there since summer. A small signals unit and a detachment of infantry are also billeted in these barracks.
6. There is an anti-aircraft unit just outside the town with guns of a large calibre and searchlights.
7. Twelve heavy guns have been installed by the Russians in the vineyards belonging to Kimon Georgiev situated on the slopes of the mountain behind the town. The guns are emplaced in an area covering 150 dekaras and were moved by tractors.
8. At the village of Nadeja (sic) near Burgas, there was (during the summer) a Soviet motorized infantry camp, believed to have been a regiment. It is not known if this camp has been disbanded.
9. In the village of Atanassovo (just outside the town at the fork or the Aitos-Varna road) there is a Soviet motorized infantry unit, believed to be a battalion, and an artillery unit, which during the summer was stationed in the region of Elkhovo at the foot of Sakar Balkan, where its camp adjoined that of the Bulgarian 3rd Heavy Machine Gun Battalion.

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